

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-27, and 29-42 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 33-42 have been withdrawn from consideration.

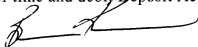
In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated claims 21, 22, 24, 25-27, and 29-32 were currently in condition for allowance and that claims 10-14 and 16-19 contained allowable subject matter, but were dependent on a rejected base claim. The applicants respectfully thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 15, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 6,366,243 (“Isohatala et al.”). The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 15, and 20. However, in order to expedite this application to allowance, the applicant has incorporated the allowable subject matter from claim 10 into claim 1. As the Examiner has already indicated these features are allowable over Isohatala et al., it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 1 is allowable over Isohatala et al. Claims 2, 4, 6-9, 15, and 20 depend from claim 1 and, based at least on this dependency, are similarly allowable over Isohatala et al. Amended claim 10, and claims 11-14 and 16-19 depend from allowable claim 1 and, based at least on this dependency, are similarly allowable over Isohatala et al.

Thus, based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 4, 6-22, 24, 26, 27, and 29-32 are presently in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

No claim related fees are believed to be due with this response. In the event any such fees are due, including fees for extension of time not otherwise provided, please consider this a request for such extension of time and debit Deposit Account 08-2623.

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